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Recently the media reported on cost cutting actions being taken by a number of California counties in an effort to address growing health care funding deficits. These actions have included eliminating nonemergency services to illegal immigrants. Critics point out that such cuts may result in these patients seeking care in our already overcrowded emergency rooms, which have a legal obligation to provide care. While some patients who are currently being treated in non-emergency settings may seek care in emergency rooms if such limits were imposed, all options should be reviewed given the department's financial outlook.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Department of Health Services, to reevaluate the current scope of elective and/or non-chronic disease services being provided to all patients and report back to the Board in 30 days on any potential changes in services and associated savings that could be realized.

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